(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Lithotripsy ma chine has already been installed in All India Institute of Medical Scien ces, New Delhi. It is functional and is under the period of trial. It could not be used earlier as at the time of its installation, it was observed that the existing air-conditioning facility was not suffi cient for the hot weather. The additional air-conditioning has been provided and the Department of Urology has tested the disintegration of stcne on a dummy and also conducted a successful trial on a patient whose stone disintegrated completely and the urinary tract was totally cleared of all gravel in about three weeks' time, indicating the efficacy of the machine.

Upgradation of Post Offices in Orissa

34. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of COMMUNI-CATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to upgrade some Post Offices in Orissa and to appoint additional staff in some subrPost Offices, where the work load has been increasing ;

(b) if so, whether any Branch Post Office or Sub-Office has been identified for upgradation in that State ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMU-NICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone Connections in Calcutta

35. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what was the number of telephone connections in Calcutta and its suburbs as on the 31st December, 1988 ; and

(b) the number of telephones currently in order and of those which were out of order, as on the 31st December, 1988 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMU-NICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) The number of telephone connectiens working in Calcutta and its suburbs as on 31st December, 1988 were 2,22,215.

(b) The number of telephones working in order as on 31st December, 1988 were 2,12,246 and those not in working order (faulty) were 9,969 only.

Death of People during Recent Strike by Doctors

36. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's at-tention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in 'the Indian Express' dated the 1st June, 1989 regarding the death of some persons during the recent strike by Junior doctors becuase of the negligence in referring them to nephrologists who were not on strike and who refused to attend the;critical patients in the Safdarjung Hospital ;

(b) if so, whether any such cases of negligence and refusal to

admit serious patients, when the senior doctors were on duty, have also been reported from other Government hospitals in Delhi ; if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) No death has occured because of the negligence and callousness in referring the patient to Nephrologist in Safdarjung Hospital during strike period.

(b) and (c) No case of negligence and refusal to admit serious patients in the Government Hospitals in Delhi have been brought to the notice of the Government during **the** strike period.

Expenditure incurred on IPKF

37. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA :
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK :
SHRI RAM JETHAMALANI:
SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA :
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :
SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total expenditure incurred by the Central Government on IPKF in Sri Lanka upto 30th June, 1989 ;

(b) what is the total expenditure shared by the Government of Sri Lanka on IPKF upto 30th June, 1989;

(c) what is the total number of Officers and Jawans killed, till date separately;

(d) what is the amount of compensation paid to their families so far, stating the method adopted in determining the amount of compensation, both in the case of Officers and Jawans; and

(e) what steps have been taken to rehabilitate the affected families and whether concrete schemes have been formulated for their welfare ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) The additional cost of IPKF operations over and above the normal pay and allowances upto 31-5-89 is Rs. 222.77 crores. The expenditure details upto 30-6-89 are still under Compilation.

(b) Nil.

(c) The number of officers and jawans killed as on 12-7-89 is as under :

Officers	..	48
JCOs	..	65
ORs	..	832

(d) The amount disbursed to wards Family Pension & death gratuity to the families of deceased 41 commissioned officers and 836 JCOs and ORs is estimated to be Rs. 2.33 crores upto 30th June, 89.

The amount of family pension and death gratuity is determined on the basis of battle casualty rates.

(e) This information was furni shed in Rajya Sabha on 28th Feb-:uary, 1989 in reply to Starred Question No. 83.

Purchase of Gum by **the P&T Department**

38. SHRI PRAMODMAHAJAN: Will the Minister 6f COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of gum purchased by P&T Department for